1	2	3	4
21.	Sikkim	11.1	8.0
22.	Tamil Nadu	368.9	151K5
23.	Txipura	4.1	5.5
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2599.2	1301.4
25.	West Bengal	216.8	383.7
26.	A & N Islands	0.5	—
27.	D & N Haveli	3.2	0.1
28.	Daman & Diu	1.3	—
29.	Delhi	0.1	0.7
30.	Pondicherry	3.0	2.0
31.	All India	13350.2	20871.6

Help to farmers

3825. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come to the conclusion that the farmers' woes of plenty are attributable mainly to transport constraints and restrictions on imports;

(b) if so, how far the prices of agricultural produce have fallen under these constraints; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The recent declining trend in the prices of certain agricultural commodities may by attributed mainly to increased availability by way of higher production and/imports and fall in international prices for major agricultural commodities like wheat, rice, edible oils, etc.

(b) The wholesale price index (WPI) for the week ending 31st March 2001 shows an annual fall in rice (2.4 per cent); wheat (4.0 per cent); jowar (22.5 per cent); bajra (26.1 per cent) maize (9.3 per cent); bariey (19.8 per cent); ragj (18.5 per cent); arhar (13.4 per cent); rapeseed/mustard (2.8 per cent); copra (21.1 per cent); gingley seed (16.8 per cent); etc.

(c) Steps taken to protect the interests of the farmers include fixation of minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities and procurement thereof through public and cooperative agencies, implementation of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) covering horticultural and minor items of produce at the request of the State Governments and using instruments of trade to discourage imports and encourage exports.

AAF In Punjab

3826. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has requested the Centre to provide Rs. 550/- crore to help in setting up an Agricultural Adjustment Fund (AAF); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has not received any proposal from the Government of Punjab for Rs. 550 crore for setting up an Agricultural Adjustment Fund (AAF).

Financial assistance for Integrated Development of Mushroom

3827. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of assistance given to various States under the Central Sector Scheme on integrated development of Mushroom during 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001; and

(b) the total yearly production of Mushrooms during each of those years?